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It is time to end this litigation. It would appear that the antagonists that remain are competitors and not consumers. It also appears that the states within which the competitors reside are the remaining dissenters. I operate a small consulting business. My computers run the windows operating system; use Internet Explorer and Microsoft Office Professional. As a user, I am perfectly happy. My clients, across a broad spectrum of industry, all use the same software tools. In fact, most of the attorneys with whom I do business have gone from Word Perfect to Microsoft Office because it is necessary to better communicate and move documents across the Internet to clients.

In my view the remaining dissenters are millionaires, not Microsoft millionaires, who cannot stand the heat of competition. Any settlement greater than that proposed for Microsoft should be equally imposed upon the competition. Everyone will have the same code; innovation will disappear, but everyone will be equal. We will all lose, especially us consumers.

Thank you,

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